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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. FEBRUARY 6, "SUNDAY GUARDIAN" AND FEBRUARY 9,  
"EVENING NEWS" VOICED STRONG EDITORIAL CRITICISM  
OF JAMAICA PRIME MINISTER'S REPORTED STATEMENTS  
THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA ARE "MARVELOUS EXAMPLES  
OF HOW SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EXAMPLES MUST BE SOLVED."

2. UNDER HEAD "LET US CHERISH WHAT WE HAVE," GUARDIAN  
EDITORIAL SAID MANLEY STATEMENTS "APPEAR TO TEND  
RETROSPECTIVELY TO GIVE CREDENCE TO HIS CRITICS' CHARGE  
THAT HE INTENDS TO LAND JAMAICA IN THE COMMUNIST CAMP  
ULTIMATELY."

3. GUARDIAN QUOTED MANLEY AS "VIGOROUSLY BLAMING IM-  
PERIALISM FOR ALL THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, THE  
EXPLOITATION AND THE SUPPRESSION AND THE ROBBERY OF  
THE NATIONAL RESOURCES OF JAMICA AND OTHER DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES," BUT CONCLUDED THAT "MANLEY HAS RECENTLY  
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WON A RESOUNDING ELECTION VICTORY AND CAN MAKE OF HIS  
COUNTRY ANYTHING HE HAS THE RESOURCES TO DO."

4. EDITORIAL CONTINUED BY ASKING "IS THIS THE TIME  
FOR HIM TO BE PRAISING THE BUBAN EXPERIMENT AS A  
"MARVELLOUS EXAMPLE OF HOW SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
ARE TO BE SOLVED?" USING ONE-SENTENCE PARAGRAPH FOR

EMPHASIS GUARDIAN ANSWERED "WE SHOULD THINK NOT."

5. GUARDIAN CONTINUED QUESTIONING BY ASKING "WHAT, IN ANY CASE, IS SO MARVELLOUS' ABOUT THE CUBAN EXPERIMENT; NO CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT BY SECRET BALLOT FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS NOW? NO PRESS THAT DARES QUESTION ONE WORD OR ONE DEED OF THE GOVERNMENT? THE CHAINING OF PEOPLE TO TOIL IN THE STATE'S INTEREST, COME CHRISTMAS OR NOT?" EDITORIAL ADDED "WE IN THIS COUNTRY REJECT TOTALLY THE CUBAN EXPERIMENT AND ALL IT STANDS FOR."

6. UNDER HEAD "WHAT NOW, MR. MANLEY," EVENING NEWS EDITORIAL VOICED SIMILAR QUESTIONS. EDITORIAL SAID "MR. MANLEY IS QUOTED AS BEING A GREAT ADMINISTER OF THE RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE," AND ASKED "WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THIS?"

7. EDITORIAL SAID "THE RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE', AS MR. MANLEY SURELY KNOWS, HAS TRAMPLED ON ALL THE FREEDOMS, BOTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTIONS, WHICH WE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAVE COME TO CHERISH AND DEFEND." PAPER ASKED, "IS HE SAYING SUCH AN EXPERIENCE IS WHAT JAMAICA NOW NEEDS? IS NOT THIS TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF COMMUNISM, THE VERY CHARGE OF WHICH, HE ADMITTED IN DECEMBER, HAS DAMAGED THE REPUTATION OF HIS COUNTRY?"

8. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT "MR. MANLEY MAY VERY WELL FIND OUT ONLY HIS PEOPLE IN JAMAICA, BUT HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS BOTH IN AND OUT OF CARICOM; WILL NEED FURTHER ASSURANCES IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH PRESS REPORTS."

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